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### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY REACTION TO CALIFORNIA BUDGET PROPOSAL**

**January 5, 2012** – Los Angeles County is closely analyzing the details released today in Governor Jerry Brown's 2012-13 Proposed Budget. Additional details of the potential impact on the County will be released as they become available, but at this point, it is clear that the Governor's plan to cut at least an additional \$2.0 billion in health and human services programs will ultimately have a major impact on the County's CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, and In-Home Supportive Services programs.

"Although we are still assessing the budget proposal impacts, it was at least reassuring to hear the Governor reaffirm his commitment to placing an initiative before voters that includes secure and permanent funding to operate the programs shifted to local government under realignment," said William T Fujioka, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer.

State budget decisions have negatively affected Los Angeles County programs and services by over \$1.4 billion in the last four years, including \$878.5 million in losses due to program reductions, \$365 million from the State borrowing local property tax revenue, and \$187 million in payment deferrals.

"The legislative priority expressed by our Board of Supervisors could not be clearer," said Fujioka. "Our County leaders appreciate the State's financial position and the difficult decisions the Governor and the Legislature may be forced to make in the months ahead, but it is important the State continues to understand that additional funding reductions to local government will continue to compromise the County's ability to sustain far-sighted budgeting while still meeting the increased demand for services in an economy that continues to struggle."

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